

A. General Information

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A0A We invite you to indicate if there are items on the CDS for which you cannot use the requested analytic convention, cannot provide data for the cohort requested, whose methodology is unclear, or about which you have questions or comments in general. This information will not be published but will help the publishers further refine CDS items.

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A1 If you have a mailing address other than the above to which applications should be sent, please provide:

A2 Source of institutional control (Check only one):

A2	Public	
A2	Private (nonprofit)	x
A2	Proprietary	

A3 Classify your undergraduate institution:

A3	Coeducational college	x
A3	Men's college	
A3	Women's college	

A4 Academic year calendar:

A4	Semester	x
A4	Quarter	
A4	Trimester	

A4	4-1-4	
A4	Continuous	
A4	Differs by program (describe):	
A4	Other (describe):	

A5 Degrees offered by your institution:

A5	Certificate	
A5	Diploma	
A5	Associate	
A5	Transfer Associate	
A5	Terminal Associate	
A5	Bachelor's	x
A5	Postbachelor's certificate	x
A5	Master's	x
A5	Post-master's certificate	
A5	Doctoral degree research/scholarship	x
A5	Doctoral degree – professional practice	
A5	Doctoral degree -- other	

B. ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE

B1 Institutional Enrollment - Men and Women Provide numbers of students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2011. Note: Report students formerly designated as "first professional" in the graduate cells.

	FULL-TIME		PART-TIME	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Undergraduates				
Degree-seeking, first-time freshmen	359	499	0	0
Other first-year, degree-seeking				
All other degree-seeking	1,125	1,507	2	1
<i>Total degree-seeking</i>	1,484	2,006	2	1
All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses			5	6
<i>Total undergraduates</i>	1,484	2,006	7	7
Graduate				
Degree-seeking, first-time	327	407	108	62
All other degree-seeking	486	576	186	97
All other graduates enrolled in credit courses			7	29
<i>Total graduate</i>	830	1005	301	188
Total all undergraduates				3,504
Total all graduate				2,324
GRAND TOTAL ALL STUDENTS				5,828

B2 Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Category. Provide numbers of undergraduate students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2011. Include international students only in the category "Nonresident aliens." Complete the "Total Undergraduates" column only if you cannot provide data for the first two columns. Report as your institution reports to IPEDS: persons who are Hispanic should be reported only on the Hispanic line, not under any race, and persons who are non-Hispanic multi-racial should be reported only under "Two or more races."

	Degree-Seeking First-Time First Year	Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (include first-time first-year)	Total Undergraduates (both degree- and non-degree-seeking)
Nonresident aliens	109	419	
Hispanic	54	209	
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	39	152	
White, non-Hispanic	451	1,702	
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	0	9	
Asian, non-Hispanic	116	437	
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non-	0	0	
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	35	76	
Race and/or ethnicity unknown	54	489	
TOTAL	858	3,493	0

Persistence

B3 Number of degrees awarded from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

B3	Certificate/diploma	
B3	Associate degrees	
B3	Bachelor's degrees	1136
B3	Postbachelor's certificates	26
B3	Master's degrees	782
B3	Post-Master's certificates	
B3	Doctoral degrees – research/scholarship	88
B3	Doctoral degrees – professional practice	
B3	Doctoral degrees – other	

Graduation Rates

The items in this section correspond to data elements collected by the IPEDS Web-based Data Collection System's Graduation Rate Survey (GRS). For complete instructions and definitions of data elements, see the IPEDS GRS instructions and glossary on the 2011 Web-based survey.

For Bachelor's or Equivalent Programs

Please provide data for the Fall 2005 cohort if available. If Fall 2005 cohort data are not available, provide data for the Fall 2004 cohort.

Fall 2005 Cohort

Report for the cohort of full-time first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall 2005. Include in the cohort those who entered your institution during the summer term preceding Fall 2005.

B4	Initial 2005 cohort of first-time, full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students; total all students:	741
B5	Of the initial 2005 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:	2
B6	Final 2005 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions: (subtract question B5 from question B4)	739
B7	Of the initial 2005 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by August 31, 2009):	647
B8	Of the initial 2005 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after August 31, 2009 and by August 31, 2010):	19
B9	Of the initial 2005 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after August 31, 2010 and by August 31, 2011):	6
B10	Total graduating within six years (sum of questions B7, B8, and B9):	672
B11	Six-year graduation rate for 2005 cohort (question B10 divided by question B6):	91%

Fall 2004 Cohort

Report for the cohort of full-time first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall 2004. Include in the cohort those who entered your institution during the summer term preceding Fall 2004.

B4	Initial 2004 cohort of first-time, full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students; total all students:	761
B5	Of the initial 2004 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:	
B6	Final 2004 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions: (subtract question B5 from question B4)	761
B7	Of the initial 2004 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by August 31, 2008):	655
B8	Of the initial 2004 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after August 31, 2008 and by August 31, 2009):	30
B9	Of the initial 2004 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after August 31, 2009 and by August 31, 2010):	5
B10	Total graduating within six years (sum of questions B7, B8, and B9):	690
B11	Six-year graduation rate for 2004 cohort (question B10 divided by question B6):	91%

For Two-Year Institutions

Please provide data for the 2008 cohort if available. If 2008 cohort data are not available, provide data for the 2007 cohort.

2008 Cohort

B12	Initial 2008 cohort, total of first-time, full-time degree/certificate-seeking students:	
B13	Of the initial 2008 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:	
B14	Final 2008 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions (Subtract question B13 from question B12):	0
B15	Completers of programs of less than two years duration (total):	
B16	Completers of programs of less than two years within 150 percent of normal time:	
B17	Completers of programs of at least two but less than four years (total):	
B18	Completers of programs of at least two but less than four-years within 150 percent of normal time:	
B19	Total transfers-out (within three years) to other institutions:	
B20	Total transfers to two-year institutions:	
B21	Total transfers to four-year institutions:	

2007 Cohort

B12	Initial 2007 cohort, total of first-time, full-time degree/certificate-seeking students:	
B13	Of the initial 2007 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:	
B14	Final 2007 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions (Subtract question B13 from question B12):	0
B15	Completers of programs of less than two years duration (total):	
B16	Completers of programs of less than two years within 150 percent of normal time:	
B17	Completers of programs of at least two but less than four years (total):	
B18	Completers of programs of at least two but less than four-years within 150 percent of normal time:	
B19	Total transfers-out (within three years) to other institutions:	
B20	Total transfers to two-year institutions:	
B21	Total transfers to four-year institutions:	

Retention Rates

Report for the cohort of all full-time, first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall 2010 (or the preceding summer term). The initial cohort may be adjusted for students who departed for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government or official church missions. No other adjustments to the initial cohort should be made.

B22	For the cohort of all full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered your institution as freshmen in Fall 2010 (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at your institution as of the date your institution calculates its official enrollment in Fall 2011?	93%
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C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION

Applications

- C1 First-time, first-year, (freshmen) students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in Fall 2011. Include early decision, early action, and students who began studies during summer in this cohort. Applicants should include only those students who fulfilled the requirements for consideration for admission (i.e., who completed actionable applications) and who have been notified of one of the following actions: admission, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution). Admitted applicants should include wait-listed students who were subsequently offered admission.**

C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who applied	3646
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	5271

C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted	1483
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	2083

C1	Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	359
C1	Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	

C1	Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	499
C1	Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	

- C2 Freshman wait-listed students (students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability)**

	Yes	No
C2	Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?	
	x	
C2	If yes, please answer the questions below for Fall 2011 admissions:	
C2	Number of qualified applicants offered a placed on waiting list	1321
C2	Number accepting a place on the waiting list	303
C2	Number of wait-listed students admitted	87

- C2 Is your waiting list ranked?
 C2 If yes, do you release that information to students?
 C2 Do you release that information to school counselors?

Admission Requirements

- C3 High school completion requirement**

C3	High school diploma is required and GED is accepted	x
C3	High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted	
C3	High school diploma or equivalent is not required	

- C4 Does your institution require or recommend a general college-preparatory program for degree-**

C4	Require	x
C4	Recommend	
C4	Neither require nor recommend	

C5 Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended. Specify the distribution of

	Units Required	Units Recommended
C5 Total academic units		20
C5 English		4
C5 Mathematics		4
C5 Science		4
C5 Of these, units that must be lab		2
C5 Foreign language		4
C5 Social studies		4
C5 History		
C5 Academic electives		
C5 Computer Science		
C5 Visual/Performing Arts		
C5 Other (specify)		

Basis for Selection

C6 Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications? If so, check which applies:

C6	Open admission policy as described above for all students	
C6	Open admission policy as described above for most students, but--	
C6	selective admission for out-of-state students	
C6	selective admission to some programs	
C6	other (explain)	

C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
C7	Academic			
C7	Rigor of secondary school record	x		
C7	Class rank	x		
C7	Academic GPA	x		
C7	Standardized test scores	x		
C7	Application Essay		x	
C7	Recommendation(s)		x	
C7	Nonacademic			
C7	Interview		x	
C7	Extracurricular activities		x	
C7	Talent/ability		x	
C7	Character/personal qualities	x		
C7	First generation		x	

C7	Alumni/ae relation			x	
C7	Geographical residence			x	
C7	State residency				x
C7	Religious affiliation/commitment				x
C7	Racial/ethnic status			x	
C7	Volunteer work		x		
C7	Work experience		x		
C7	Level of applicant's interest		x		

SAT and ACT Policies

C8 Entrance exams

		Yes	No
C8A	Does your institution make use of SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Test	x	
C8A	If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for Fall 2013.		

		ADMISSION				
C8A		Require	Recommend	Require for Some	Consider if Submitted	Not Used
C8A	SAT or ACT	x				
C8A	ACT only					
C8A	SAT only					
C8A	SAT and SAT Subject Tests or ACT					
C8A	SAT Subject Tests only					

C8B If your institution will make use of the ACT in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants for Fall 2013, please indicate which ONE of the following applies: (regardless of whether the writing score will be used in the admissions process):

C8B ACT with Writing Component required	x
C8B ACT with Writing component recommended	
C8B ACT with or without Writing component accepted	

C8C Please indicate how your institution will use the SAT or ACT writing component; check all that apply:

C8C	SAT essay	ACT essay
C8C For admission		
C8C For placement		
C8C For advising		
C8C In place of an application essay		
C8C As a validity check on the application essay		
C8C No college policy as of now		
C8C Not using essay component	x	x

C8D In addition, does your institution use applicants' test scores for academic advising?

C8D	Yes	No
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C8E	Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be received for fall-term admission	1/15
C8E	Latest date by which SAT Subject Test scores must be received for fall-term admission	1/15

C8F If necessary, use this space to clarify your test policies (e.g., if tests are recommended for some students, or if tests are not required of some students):

C8F

C8G Please indicate which tests your institution uses for placement (e.g., state tests):

C8G	SAT			
C8G	ACT			
C8G	SAT Subject Tests			
C8G	AP			
C8G	CLEP			
C8G	Institutional Exam			
C8G	State Exam (specify):			

Freshman Profile

Provide percentages for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2011, including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresident aliens, and students admitted under special arrangements.

C9 Percent and number of first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2011 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores. Include information for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted test scores. Do not include partial test scores (e.g., mathematics scores but not critical reading for a category of students) or combine other standardized test results (such as TOEFL) in this item. Do not convert SAT scores to ACT scores and vice versa. The 25th percentile is the score that 25 percent scored at or below; the 75th percentile score is the one that 25 percent scored at or above.

C9	Percent submitting SAT scores	73%	Number submitting SAT scores	627
C9	Percent submitting ACT scores	32%	Number submitting ACT scores	254

		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
C9	SAT Critical Reading	600	710
C9	SAT Math	630	740
C9	SAT Writing	630	720
C9	SAT Essay		
C9	ACT Composite	28	32
C9	ACT Math	26	32
C9	ACT English	28	33
C9	ACT Writing	8	10

C9 Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students with scores in each range:

		SAT Critical Reading	SAT Math	SAT Writing
C9	700-800	32.06%	43.06%	39.23%
C9	600-699	44.33%	42.90%	45.77%
C9	500-599	19.78%	10.69%	11.48%
C9	400-499	3.03%	2.71%	2.71%

C9	300-399	0.80%	0.64%	0.64%
C9	200-299			0.16%
	Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%	99.99%
C9		ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math
C9	30-36	58.66%	66.14%	49.61%
C9	24-29	39.37%	31.89%	45.67%
C9	18-23	1.97%	1.97%	4.72%
C9	12-17			
C9	6-11			
C9	Below 6			
	Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

C10	Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school class rank		
C10	Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class		64.34%
C10	Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class		93.57%
C10	Percent in top half of high school graduating class		99.46%
C10	Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class		0.54%
C10	Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class		
C10	Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshmen) students who submitted high school		43.47%

Top half +
bottom half = 100%

C11	Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school	
C11	Percent who had GPA of 3.75 and higher	56.28%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	27.26%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	9.31%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	4.86%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	1.62%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49	0.67%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99	
C11	Percent who had GPA below 1.0	
	Totals should = 100%	100.00%

C12	Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year	3.80
C12	Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who	86.36%

Admission Policies

C13 Application Fee

C13		Yes	No
C13	Does your institution have an application fee?	x	
C13	Amount of application fee:	\$55.00	
C13		Yes	No
C13	Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?	x	

C13 If you have an application fee and an on-line application option,

C13	Same fee:	x
C13	Free:	
C13	Reduced:	

C13		Yes	No
C13	Can on-line application fee be waived for applicants with financial need?	x	

C14 Application closing date

C14		Yes	No
C14	Does your institution have an application closing date?	x	
C14	Application closing date (fall):	1/15	

C14 Priority date:

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	Yes	No
C15 Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than	x	

C16 Notification to applicants of admission decision sent (fill in one only)

C16 On a rolling basis beginning (date):	
C16 By (date):	4/1
C16 Other:	

C17 Reply policy for admitted applicants (fill in one only)

C17 Must reply by (date):	
C17 No set date:	
C17 Must reply by May 1 or within ___2___ weeks if notified thereafter	x
C17 Other:	
C17 Deadline for housing deposit (MM/DD):	
C17 Amount of housing deposit:	
C17 Refundable if student does not enroll?	
C17 Yes, in full	
C17 Yes, in part	
C17 No	

C18 Deferred admission

	Yes	No
C18 Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after	x	
C18 If yes, maximum period of postponement:		

C19 Early admission of high school students

	Yes	No
C19 Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time,	x	

C20 Common Application Question removed from CDS. (Initiated during 2006-2007 cycle)

Early Decision and Early Action Plans

C21 Early Decision

	Yes	No
C21 Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan	x	
C21 If "yes," please complete the following:		
C21 First or only early decision plan closing date	11/15	
C21 First or only early decision plan notification date	12/15	
C21 Other early decision plan closing date	1/1	
C21 Other early decision plan notification date	2/1	
C21 For the Fall 2011 entering class:		
C21 Number of early decision applications received by your institution	483	
C21 Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan	201	
C21 Please provide significant details about your early decision plan:		

C22 Early action

	Yes	No
C22 Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are		x
C22 If "yes," please complete the following:		
C22 Early action closing date		

C22 Early action notification date

C22 Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you limit students from applying to other early plans?

	Yes	No
C22		

D. TRANSFER ADMISSION

Fall Applicants

D1		Yes	No
D1	Does your institution enroll transfer students? (If no,	x	
D1	If yes, may transfer students earn advanced standing	x	

D2 Provide the number of students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled as degree-seeking transfer students in Fall 2011.

D2		Applicants	Admitted Applicants	Enrolled Applicants
D2	Men	247	51	19
D2	Women	284	98	35
D2	Total	531	149	54

Application for Admission

D3 Indicate terms for which transfers may enroll:

D3	Fall	x
D3	Winter	
D3	Spring	x
D3	Summer	

D4		Yes	No
D4	Must a transfer applicant have a minimum number of credits completed or else must apply as an entering freshman?		x
D4	If yes, what is the minimum number of credits and the unit of measure?		

D5 Indicate all items required of transfer students to apply for admission:

D5		Required of All	Recommended of All	Recommended of Some	Required of Some	Not Required
D5	High school transcript	x				
D5	College transcript(s)	x				
D5	Essay or personal statement	x				
D5	Interview		x			
D5	Standardized test scores	x				
D5	Statement of good standing from prior institution(s)	x				

D6	If a minimum high school grade point average is required of transfer applicants, specify (on a 4.0 scale):	
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D7	If a minimum college grade point average is required of transfer applicants, specify (on a 4.0 scale):	3.00
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D8 List any other application requirements specific to transfer applicants:

D9 List application priority, closing, notification, and candidate reply dates for transfer students. If applications are reviewed on a continuous or rolling basis, place a check mark in the "Rolling admission" column.

D9		Priority Date	Closing Date	Notification Date	Reply Date	Rolling Admission
D9	Fall		4/1	5/25		
D9	Winter					
D9	Spring		11/1	12/1		
D9	Summer					

D10		Yes	No
D10	Does an open admission policy, if reported, apply to transfer students?		

D11 Describe additional requirements for transfer admission, if applicable:

Transfer Credit Policies

D12	Report the lowest grade earned for any course that may be transferred for credit:	C-
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D13		Number	Unit Type
D13	Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a two-year institution:	64	credits

D14		Number	Unit Type
D14	Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a four-year institution:	64	credits

D15	Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn an associate degree:	
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D16	Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn a bachelor's degree:	64.00
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D17 Describe other transfer credit policies:

E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES

E1 Special study options: Identify those programs available at your institution. Refer to the glossary for definitions.

E1	Accelerated program	
E1	Cooperative education program	
E1	Cross-registration	x
E1	Distance learning	
E1	Double major	x
E1	Dual enrollment	
E1	English as a Second Language (ESL)	
E1	Exchange student program (domestic)	x
E1	External degree program	
E1	Honors Program	
E1	Independent study	x
E1	Internships	x
E1	Liberal arts/career combination	
E1	Student-designed major	x
E1	Study abroad	x
E1	Teacher certification program	x
E1	Weekend college	
E1	Other (specify):	

E2 This question has been removed from the Common Data Set.

E3 Areas in which all or most students are required to complete some course work prior to graduation:

E3	Arts/fine arts	x
E3	Computer literacy	
E3	English (including composition)	x
E3	Foreign languages	x
E3	History	
E3	Humanities	x
E3	Mathematics	
E3	Philosophy	
E3	Sciences (biological or physical)	x
E3	Social science	x
E3	Other (describe):	

Library Collections: The CDS Publishers will collect library data again when a new Academic Libraries Survey is in place.

F. STUDENT LIFE

F1 Percentages of first-time, first-year (freshman) degree-seeking students and degree-seeking undergraduates enrolled in Fall 2011 who fit the following categories:

F1		First-time, first-year (freshman) students	Undergraduates
F1	Percent who are from out of state (exclude international/nonresident aliens from the numerator and denominator)	73%	72%
F1	Percent of men who join fraternities		
F1	Percent of women who join sororities		
F1	Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing	98%	81%
F1	Percent who live off campus or commute	2%	19%
F1	Percent of students age 25 and older	0%	1%
F1	Average age of full-time students	18	20
F1	Average age of all students (full- and part-time)	18	20

F2 Activities offered Identify those programs available at your institution.

F2	Campus Ministries	x
F2	Choral groups	x
F2	Concert band	x
F2	Dance	x
F2	Drama/theater	x
F2	International Student Organization	x
F2	Jazz band	x
F2	Literary magazine	x
F2	Marching band	
F2	Model UN	
F2	Music ensembles	x
F2	Musical theater	x
F2	Opera	
F2	Pep band	
F2	Radio station	x
F2	Student government	x
F2	Student newspaper	x
F2	Student-run film society	x
F2	Symphony orchestra	x
F2	Television station	x
F2	Yearbook	x

F3 ROTC (program offered in cooperation with Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

F3		On Campus	At Cooperating Institution	Name of Cooperating Institution
F3	Army ROTC is offered:		x	Boston University
F3	Naval ROTC is offered:			
F3	Air Force ROTC is offered:		x	Boston University

F4 Housing: Check all types of college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing available

F4	Coed dorms	x
F4	Men's dorms	x
F4	Women's dorms	x
F4	Apartments for married students	
F4	Apartments for single students	x
F4	Special housing for disabled students	
F4	Special housing for international students	
F4	Fraternity/sorority housing	
F4	Cooperative housing	
F4	Theme housing	
F4	Wellness housing	
F4	Other housing options (specify):	x
	Thematic Learning Communities	

G. ANNUAL EXPENSES

G0 Please provide the URL of your institution's net price calculator:

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/brandeis/>

Provide 2012-2013 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

Check here if your institution's 2012-2013 academic year costs of attendance are not available at this time and provide an approximate date (i.e., month/day) when your institution's final 2012-2013 academic year costs of attendance will be available:

x _____ 4/1/2011

G1 Undergraduate full-time tuition, required fees, room and board List the typical tuition, required fees, and room and board for a full-time undergraduate student for the FULL 2012-2013 academic year (30 semester or 45 quarter hours for institutions that derive annual tuition by multiplying credit hour cost by number of credits). A full academic year refers to the period of time generally extending from September to June; usually equated to two semesters, two trimesters, three quarters, or the period covered by a four-one-four plan. Room and board is defined as double occupancy and 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan. Required fees include only charges that all full-time students must pay that are not included in tuition (e.g., registration, health, or activity fees.) Do not include optional fees (e.g., parking, laboratory use).

G1		First-Year	Undergraduates
G1	PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
	Tuition:	\$42,682	\$42,296
G1	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
	Tuition:		
	In-district		
G1	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
	In-state (out-of-district):		
G1	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
	Out-of-state:		
G1	NONRESIDENT ALIENS		
	Tuition:	\$42,682	\$42,296
G1	REQUIRED FEES:	\$1,612	\$1,412
G1	ROOM AND BOARD:		
	(on-campus)	\$12,256	\$12,256
G1	ROOM ONLY:		
	(on-campus)	\$6,812	\$6,812
G1	BOARD ONLY:		
	(on-campus meal plan)	\$5,444	\$5,444
G1	Comprehensive tuition and room and board fee (if your college cannot provide separate tuition and room and board fees):		

G1 Other: _____

G2		Minimum	Maximum
G2	Number of credits per term a student can take for the stated full-time tuition	12	22

G3		Yes	No
G3	Do tuition and fees vary by year of study (e.g., sophomore, junior, senior)?		X

G4		Yes	No
G4	Do tuition and fees vary by undergraduate instructional program?		X

G4		%
G4	If yes, what percentage of full-time undergraduates pay more than the tuition and fees reported in G1?	

G5 Provide the estimated expenses for a typical full-time undergraduate student:

G5		Residents	Commuters (living at home)	Commuters (not living at home)
G5	Books and supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
G5	Room only			\$6,812
G5	Board only		\$940	\$5,444
G5	Room and board total (if your college cannot provide separate room and board figures for commuters not living at home):			
G5	Transportation	varies	\$900	varies
G5	Other expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

G6 Undergraduate per-credit-hour charges (tuition only)

G6	PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:	\$1,322.00
G6	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS In-district:	
G6	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS In-state (out-of-district):	
G6	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS Out-of-state:	
G6	NONRESIDENT ALIENS:	\$1,322.00

H. FINANCIAL AID

Aid Awarded to Enrolled Undergraduates

Enter total dollar amounts awarded to enrolled full-time and less than full-time degree-seeking undergraduates (using the same cohort reported in CDS Question B1, "total degree-seeking" undergraduates) in the following categories. (Note: If the data being reported are final figures for the 2010-2011 academic year (see the next item below), use the 2010-2011 academic year's CDS Question B1 cohort.) Include aid awarded to international students (i.e., those not qualifying for federal aid). Aid that is non-need-based but that was used to meet need should be reported in the need-based aid columns. (For a suggested order of precedence in assigning categories of aid to cover need, see the entry for "non-need-based scholarship or grant aid" on the last page of the definitions section.)

H1		2011-2012 estimated	2010-2011 final
H1	Indicate the academic year for which data are reported for items H1, H2, H2A, and H6 below:		X
H3	Which needs-analysis methodology does your institution use in awarding institutional aid?		
H3	Federal methodology (FM)		
H3	Institutional methodology (IM)		
H3	Both FM and IM	X	
H1		Need-based \$ (Include non-need-based aid used to meet need.)	Non-need-based \$ (Exclude non-need-based aid used to meet need.)
H1	Scholarships/Grants		
H1	Federal	\$4,075,478	\$535
H1	State (i.e., all states, not only the state in which your institution is located)	\$579,776	\$300
H1	Institutional: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants, awarded by the college, excluding athletic aid and tuition waivers (which are reported below).	\$40,169,082	\$6,756,457
H1	Scholarships/grants from external sources (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit) not awarded by the college	\$1,366,943	\$1,302,673
H1	Total Scholarships/Grants	\$46,191,279	\$8,059,965
H1	Self-Help		
H1	Student loans from all sources (excluding parent loans)	\$10,902,184	\$3,465,192
H1	Federal Work-Study	\$2,298,216	
H1	State and other (e.g., institutional) work-study/employment (Note: Excludes Federal Work-Study captured above.)	\$264,978	\$425,963
H1	Total Self-Help	\$13,465,378	\$3,891,155
H1	Other		
H1	Parent Loans	\$2,249,687	\$3,947,663
H1	Tuition Waivers	\$314,687	\$293,471
H1	Athletic Awards	\$0	\$0

H2 Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Aid: List the number of degree-seeking full-time and less-than-full-time undergraduates who applied for and were awarded financial aid from any source. Aid that is non-need-based but that was used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid. Numbers should reflect the cohort awarded the dollars reported in H1. Note: In the chart below, students may be counted in more than one row, and full-time freshmen should also be counted as full-time undergraduates.

H2		First-time Full-time Freshmen	Full-time Undergraduate (Incl. Fresh.)	Less Than Full-time Undergraduate
H2	a) Number of degree-seeking undergraduate students (CDS Item B1 if reporting on Fall 2011 cohort)	689	3317	7
H2	b) Number of students in line a who applied for need-based financial aid	508	1998	2
H2	c) Number of students in line b who were determined to have financial need	418	1785	2
H2	d) Number of students in line c who were awarded any financial aid	409	1769	2
H2	e) Number of students in line d who were awarded any need-based scholarship or grant aid	390	1688	2
H2	f) Number of students in line d who were awarded any need-based self-help aid	381	1653	1
H2	g) Number of students in line d who were awarded any non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	22	90	1
H2	h) Number of students in line d whose need was fully met (exclude PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans)	28	119	1
H2	i) On average, the percentage of need that was met of students who were awarded any need-based aid. Exclude any aid that was awarded in excess of need as well as any resources that were awarded to replace EFC (PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans)	83.8%	82.1%	93.0%
H2	j) The average financial aid package of those in line d. Exclude any resources that were awarded to replace EFC (PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans)	\$ 32,781	\$ 32,246	\$ 16,545
H2	k) Average need-based scholarship and grant award of those in line e	\$ 29,160	\$ 27,321	\$ 15,170
H2	l) Average need-based self-help award (excluding PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans) of those in line f	\$ 5,341	\$ 6,609	\$ 2,750
H2	m) Average need-based loan (excluding PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans) of those in line f who were awarded a need-based loan	\$ 3,808	\$ 5,060	\$ 2,750

H2A Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Non-need-based Scholarships and Grants: List the number of degree-seeking full-time and less-than-full-time undergraduates who had no financial need and who were awarded institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid. Numbers should reflect the cohort awarded the dollars reported in H1. Note: In the chart below, students may be counted in more than one row, and full-time freshmen should also be counted as full-time undergraduates.

H2A		First-time Full-time Freshmen	Full-time Undergrad (Incl. Fresh.)	Less Than Full-time Undergrad
H2A	n) Number of students in line a who had no financial need and who were awarded institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid (exclude those who were awarded athletic awards and tuition benefits)	21	274	0
H2A	o) Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based scholarship and grant aid awarded to students in line n	\$ 11,053	\$ 22,494	\$ 0
H2A	p) Number of students in line a who were awarded an institutional non-need-based athletic scholarship or grant	0	0	0
H2A	q) Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based athletic scholarships and grants awarded to students in line p	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

H3 Incorporated into H1 above.

Note: These are the graduates and loan types to include and exclude in order to fill out CDS H4,

Include: * 2011 undergraduate class who graduated between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2011 who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

* only loans made to students who borrowed while enrolled at your institution.

* co-signed loans.

Exclude: * those who transferred in.

* money borrowed at other institutions.

H4	Provide the percentage of the class (defined above) who borrowed at any time through any loan programs (institutional, state, Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized, private loans that were certified by your institution, etc.; exclude parent loans). Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans.	59%
H4a	Provide the percentage of the class (defined above) who borrowed at any time through federal loan programs--Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. NOTE: exclude all institutional, state, private alternative loans and parent loans.	57%
H5	Report the average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed of those in line H4.	\$28,531
H5a	Report the average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed, of those in H4a, through federal loan programs--Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. These are listed in line H4a. NOTE: exclude all institutional, state, private alternative loans and exclude parent loans.	\$21,831

Aid to Undergraduate Degree-seeking Nonresident Aliens (Note: Report numbers

H6	Indicate your institution's policy regarding institutional scholarship and grant aid for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:	
H6	Institutional need-based scholarship or grant aid is available	yes
H6	Institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid is available	no
H6	Institutional scholarship or grant aid is not available	
H6	If institutional financial aid is available for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens, provide the number of undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens who were awarded need-based or non-need-based aid:	108
H6	Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:	\$28,216
H6	Total dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:	\$3,047,324
H7	Check off all financial aid forms nonresident alien first-year financial aid applicants must submit:	
H7	Institution's own financial aid form	
H7	CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE	X
H7	International Student's Financial Aid Application	
H7	International Student's Certification of Finances	X
H7	Other (specify):	

Process for First-Year/Freshman Students

H8	Check off all financial aid forms domestic first-year (freshman) financial aid applicants must submit:	
H8	FAFSA	
H8	Institution's own financial aid form	
H8	CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE	X
H8	State aid form	
H8	Noncustodial PROFILE	X
H8	Business/Farm Supplement	
H8	Other (specify):	X
	Previous year's business tax return and/or schedule.	

H9 Indicate filing dates for first-year (freshman) students:

H9	Priority date for filing required financial aid forms:	
H9	Deadline for filing required financial aid forms:	February 1st
H9	No deadline for filing required forms (applications processed on a rolling basis):	

H10 Indicate notification dates for first-year (freshman) students (answer a or b):

H10	a) Students notified on or about (date):	April 1st
H10		Yes No
H10	b) Students notified on a rolling basis:	X
H10	If yes, starting date:	

H11 Indicate reply dates:

H11	Students must reply by (date):	May 1st
H11	or within _____ weeks of notification.	

Types of Aid Available

Please check off all types of aid available to undergraduates at your institution:

H12 Loans

H12 FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (DIRECT LOAN)

H12	Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans	X
H12	Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans	X
H12	Direct PLUS Loans	X

H12	Federal Perkins Loans	X
H12	Federal Nursing Loans	
H12	State Loans	X
H12	College/university loans from institutional funds	X
H12	Other (specify):	
	Private loans.	X

H13 Scholarships and Grants

H13 NEED-BASED:

H13	Federal Pell	X
H13	SEOG	X
H13	State scholarships/grants	X
H13	Private scholarships	X
H13	College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds	X
H13	United Negro College Fund	
H13	Federal Nursing Scholarship	
H13	Other (specify):	

H14 Check off criteria used in awarding institutional aid. Check all that apply.

H14		Non-Need Based	Need-Based
H14	Academics	X	
H14	Alumni affiliation		
H14	Art		
H14	Athletics		
H14	Job skills		
H14	ROTC		
H14	Leadership		
H14	Minority status		
H14	Music/drama		

H14	Religious affiliation		
H14	State/district residency		

H15

If your institution has recently implemented any major financial aid policy, program, or initiative to make your institution more affordable to incoming students such as replacing loans with grants, or waiving costs for families below a certain income level please provide details below:

We continue to meet full demonstrated need with need-based financial aid.

I. INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

I1 Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for Fall 2011. Include

The following definition of full-time instructional faculty is used by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in its annual Faculty Compensation Survey (the part time definitions are not used by AAUP). Instructional Faculty is defined as those members of the instructional-research staff whose major regular assignment is instruction, including those with released time for research. Use the chart below to determine inclusions and exclusions:

	Full-time	Part-time
(a) instructional faculty in preclinical and clinical medicine, faculty who are not paid (e.g., those who donate their services or are in the military), or research-only faculty, post-doctoral fellows, or pre-doctoral fellows	Exclude	Include only if they teach one or more non-clinical credit courses
(b) administrative officers with titles such as dean of students, librarian, registrar, coach, and the like, even though they may devote part of their time to classroom instruction and may have faculty status	Exclude	Include if they teach one or more non-clinical credit courses
(c) other administrators/staff who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses even though they do not have faculty status	Exclude	Include
(d) undergraduate or graduate students who assist in the instruction of courses, but have titles such as teaching assistant, teaching fellow, and the like	Exclude	Exclude
(e) faculty on sabbatical or leave with pay	Include	Exclude
(f) faculty on leave without pay	Exclude	Exclude
(g) replacement faculty for faculty on sabbatical leave or leave with pay	Exclude	Include

Full-time instructional faculty: faculty employed on a full-time basis for instruction (including those with released time for

Part-time instructional faculty: Adjuncts and other instructors being paid solely for part-time classroom instruction. Also

Minority faculty: includes faculty who designate themselves as Black, non-Hispanic; American Indian or Alaska Native;

Doctorate: includes such degrees as Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Juridical Science, and

Terminal degree: the highest degree in a field: example, M. Arch (architecture) and MFA (master of fine arts).

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
I1 a) Total number of instructional faculty	364	143	507
I1 b) Total number who are members of minority groups	46	9	55
I1 c) Total number who are women	148	55	203
I1 d) Total number who are men	216	88	304
I1 e) Total number who are nonresident aliens (international)	13	3	16
I1 f) Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree	347	96	443
I1 g) Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal master's	14	31	45
I1 h) Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's	2	9	11
I1 i) Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other (Note: Items f, g, h, and i must sum up to item a.)	1	7	8
I1 j) Total number in stand-alone graduate/ professional programs in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students	2	0	2

J. DEGREES CONFERRED

J1 Degrees conferred between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011

J1 For each of the following discipline areas, provide the percentage of diplomas/certificates, associate, and bachelor's degrees awarded. To determine the percentage, use majors, not headcount (e.g., students with one degree but a double major will be represented twice). Calculate the percentage from your institution's IPEDS Completions by using the sum of 1st and 2nd majors for each CIP code as the numerator and the sum of the Grand Total by 1st Majors and the Grand Total by 2nd major as the denominator. If you prefer, you can compute the percentages using 1st majors only.

J1	Category	Diploma/Certificates	Associate	Bachelor's	CIP 2010 Categories to Include
J1	Agriculture				1
J1	Natural resources and conservation			0.74%	3
J1	Architecture				4
J1	Area, ethnic, and gender studies			6.05%	5
J1	Communication/journalism				9
J1	Communication technologies				10
J1	Computer and information sciences			5.81%	11
J1	Personal and culinary services				12
J1	Education			1.62%	13
J1	Engineering				14
J1	Engineering technologies				15
J1	Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics			1.23%	16
J1	Family and consumer sciences				19
J1	Law/legal studies				22
J1	English			3.30%	23
J1	Liberal arts/general studies				24
J1	Library science				25
J1	Biological/life sciences			9.65%	26
J1	Mathematics and statistics			1.82%	27
J1	Military science and military technologies				28 & 29
J1	Interdisciplinary studies			5.71%	30
J1	Parks and recreation				31
J1	Philosophy and religious studies			1.82%	38
J1	Theology and religious vocations				39
J1	Physical sciences			1.97%	40
J1	Science technologies				41
J1	Psychology			4.43%	42
J1	Homeland Security, law enforcement, firefighting, and protective services				43
J1	Public administration and social services			8.22%	44
J1	Social sciences			27.71%	45
J1	Construction trades				46
J1	Mechanic and repair technologies				47
J1	Precision production				48
J1	Transportation and materials moving				49
J1	Visual and performing arts			5.61%	50
J1	Health professions and related programs			0.84%	51
J1	Business/marketing			10.09%	52
J1	History			3.40%	54
J1	Other				
J1	TOTAL (should = 100%)	0.00%	0.00%	100.02%	

Common Data Set Definitions

All definitions related to the financial aid section appear at the end of the Definitions document.

Items preceded by an asterisk (*) represent definitions agreed to among publishers which do not appear on the CDS document but may be present on individual publishers' surveys.

***Academic advisement:** Plan under which each student is assigned to a faculty member or a trained adviser, who, through regular meetings, helps the student plan and implement immediate and long-term academic and vocational goals.

Accelerated program: Completion of a college program of study in fewer than the usual number of years, most often by attending summer sessions and carrying extra courses during the regular academic term.

Admitted student: Applicant who is offered admission to a degree-granting program at your institution.

***Adult student services:** Admission assistance, support, orientation, and other services expressly for adults who have started college for the first time, or who are re-entering after a lapse of a few years.

American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Applicant (first-time, first year): An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has been notified of one of the following actions: admission, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).

Application fee: That amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for acceptance. This amount is not creditable toward tuition and required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.

Asian or Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or Pacific Islands. This includes people from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, American Samoa, India, and Vietnam.

Associate degree: An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

Bachelor's degree: An award (baccalaureate or equivalent degree, as determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education) that normally requires at least four years but not more than five years of full-time equivalent college-level work. This includes ALL bachelor's degrees conferred in a five-year cooperative (work-study plan) program. (A cooperative plan provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government; thus, it allows students to combine actual work experience with their college studies.) Also, it includes bachelor's degrees in which the normal four years of work are completed in three years.

Black, non-Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa (except those of Hispanic origin).

Board (charges): Assume average cost for 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan.

Books and supplies (costs): Average cost of books and supplies. Do not include unusual costs for special groups of students (e.g., engineering or art majors), unless they constitute the majority of students at your institution.

Calendar system: The method by which an institution structures most of its courses for the academic year.

Campus Ministry: Religious student organizations (denominational or nondenominational) devoted to fostering religious life on college campuses. May also refer to Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational Christian organization.

***Career and placement services:** A range of services, including (often) the following: coordination of visits of employers to campus; aptitude and vocational testing; interest inventories, personal counseling; help in resume writing, interviewing, launching the job search; listings for those students desiring employment and those seeking permanent positions; establishment of a permanent reference folder; career resource materials.

Carnegie units: One year of study or the equivalent in a secondary school subject.

Certificate: See Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma.
Class rank: The relative numerical position of a student in his or her graduating class, calculated by the high school on the basis of grade-point average, whether weighted or unweighted.
College-preparatory program: Courses in academic subjects (English, history and social studies, foreign languages, mathematics, science, and the arts) that stress preparation for college or university study.
Common Application: The standard application form distributed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for a large number of private colleges who are members of the Common Application Group.
*Community service program: Referral center for students wishing to perform volunteer work in the community or participate in volunteer activities coordinated by academic departments.
Commuter: A student who lives off campus in housing that is not owned by, operated by, or affiliated with the college. This category includes students who commute from home and students who have moved to the area to attend college.
Contact hour: A unit of measure that represents an hour of scheduled instruction given to students. Also referred to as clock hour.
Continuous basis (for program enrollment): A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that enroll students at any time during the academic year. For example, a cosmetology school or a word processing school might allow students to enroll and begin studies at various times, with no requirement that classes begin on a certain date.
Cooperative education program: A program that provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government.
Cooperative housing: College-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing in which students share room and board expenses and participate in household chores to reduce living expenses.
*Counseling service: Activities designed to assist students in making plans and decisions related to their education, career, or personal development.
Credit: Recognition of attendance or performance in an instructional activity (course or program) that can be applied by a recipient toward the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.
Credit course: A course that, if successfully completed, can be applied toward the number of courses required for achieving a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.
Credit hour: A unit of measure representing an hour (50 minutes) of instruction over a 15-week period in a semester or trimester system or a 10-week period in a quarter system. It is applied toward the total number of hours needed for completing the requirements of a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.
Cross-registration: A system whereby students enrolled at one institution may take courses at another institution without having to apply to the second institution.
Deferred admission: The practice of permitting admitted students to postpone enrollment, usually for a period of one academic term or one year.
Degree: An award conferred by a college, university, or other postsecondary education institution as official recognition for the successful completion of a program of studies.
Degree-seeking students: Students enrolled in courses for credit who are recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award. At the undergraduate level, this is intended to include students enrolled in vocational or occupational programs.
Differs by program (calendar system): A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that have occupational/vocational programs of varying length. These schools may enroll students at specific times depending on the program desired. For example, a school might offer a two-month program in January, March, May, September, and November; and a three-month program in January, April, and October.
Diploma: See Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma.
Distance learning: An option for earning course credit at off-campus locations via cable television, internet, satellite classes, videotapes, correspondence courses, or other means.

Doctor's degree-research/scholarship: A Ph.D. or other doctor's degree that requires advanced work beyond the master's level, including the preparation and defense of a dissertation based on original research, or the planning and execution of an original project demonstrating substantial artistic or scholarly achievement. Some examples of this type of degree may include Ed.D., D.M.A., D.B.A., D.Sc., D.A., or D.M, and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

Doctor's degree-professional practice: A doctor's degree that is conferred upon completion of a program providing the knowledge and skills for the recognition, credential, or license required for professional practice. The degree is awarded after a period of study such that the total time to the degree, including both pre-professional and professional preparation, equals at least six full-time equivalent academic years. Some of these degrees were formerly classified as "first-professional" and may include: Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.); Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.); Law (L.L.B. or J.D.); Medicine (M.D.); Optometry (O.D.); Osteopathic Medicine (D.O); Pharmacy (Pharm.D.); Podiatry (D.P.M., Pod.D., D.P.); or, Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), and others, as designated by the awarding institution

Doctor's degree-other: A doctor's degree that does not meet the definition of a doctor's degree - research/scholarship or a doctor's degree - professional practice.

Double major: Program in which students may complete two undergraduate programs of study simultaneously.

Dual enrollment: A program through which high school students may enroll in college courses while still enrolled in high school. Students are not required to apply for admission to the college in order to participate.

Early action plan: An admission plan that allows students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification dates. If admitted, the candidate is not committed to enroll; the student may reply to the offer under the college's regular reply policy.

Early admission: A policy under which students who have not completed high school are admitted and enroll full time in college, usually after completion of their junior year.

Early decision plan: A plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision (and financial aid offer if applicable) well in advance of the regular notification date. Applicants agree to accept an offer of admission and, if admitted, to withdraw their applications from other colleges. There are three possible decisions for early decision applicants: admitted, denied, or not admitted but forwarded for consideration with the regular applicant pool, without prejudice.

English as a Second Language (ESL): A course of study designed specifically for students whose native language is not English.

Exchange student program-domestic: Any arrangement between a student and a college that permits study for a semester or more at another college in the United States without extending the amount of time required for a degree. See also Study abroad.

External degree program: A program of study in which students earn credits toward a degree through independent study, college courses, proficiency examinations, and personal experience. External degree programs require minimal or no classroom attendance.

Extracurricular activities (as admission factor): Special consideration in the admissions process given for participation in both school and nonschool-related activities of interest to the college, such as clubs, hobbies, student government, athletics, performing arts, etc.

First-time student: A student attending any institution for the first time at the level enrolled. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended a postsecondary institution for the first time at the same level in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credit earned before graduation from high school).

First-time, first-year (freshman) student: A student attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).

First-year student: A student who has completed less than the equivalent of 1 full year of undergraduate work; that is, less than 30 semester hours (in a 120-hour degree program) or less than 900 contact hours.

Freshman: A first-year undergraduate student.

*Freshman/new student orientation: Orientation addressing the academic, social, emotional, and intellectual issues involved in beginning college. May be a few hours or a few days in length; at some colleges, there is a fee.
Full-time student (undergraduate): A student enrolled for 12 or more semester credits, 12 or more quarter credits, or 24 or more contact hours a week each term.
Geographical residence (as admission factor): Special consideration in the admission process given to students from a particular region, state, or country of residence.
Grade-point average (academic high school GPA): The sum of grade points a student has earned in secondary school divided by the number of courses taken. The most common system of assigning numbers to grades counts four points for an A, three points for a B, two points for a C, one point for a D, and no points for an E or F. Unweighted GPA's assign the same weight to each course. Weighting gives students additional points for their grades in advanced or honors courses.
Graduate student: A student who holds a bachelor's or equivalent, and is taking courses at the post-baccalaureate level.
*Health services: Free or low cost on-campus primary and preventive health care available to students.
High school diploma or recognized equivalent: A document certifying the successful completion of a prescribed secondary school program of studies, or the attainment of satisfactory scores on the Tests of General Educational Development (GED), or another state-specified examination.
Hispanic: A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
Honors program: Any special program for very able students offering the opportunity for educational enrichment, independent study, acceleration, or some combination of these.
Independent study: Academic work chosen or designed by the student with the approval of the department concerned, under an instructor's supervision, and usually undertaken outside of the regular classroom structure.
In-state tuition: The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's residency requirements.
International student: See Nonresident alien.
International student group: Student groups that facilitate cultural dialogue, support a diverse campus, assist international students in acclimation and creating a social network.
Internship: Any short-term, supervised work experience usually related to a student's major field, for which the student earns academic credit. The work can be full- or part-time, on- or off-campus, paid or unpaid.
*Learning center: Center offering assistance through tutors, workshops, computer programs, or audiovisual equipment in reading, writing, math, and skills such as taking notes, managing time, taking tests.
*Legal services: Free or low cost legal advice for a range of issues (personal and other).
Liberal arts/career combination: Program in which a student earns undergraduate degrees in two separate fields, one in a liberal arts major and the other in a professional or specialized major, whether on campus or through cross-registration.
Master's degree: An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of generally one or two full-time equivalent academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree. Some of these degrees, such as those in Theology (M.Div., M.H.L./Rav) that were formerly classified as "first-professional", may require more than two full-time equivalent academic years of work.
Minority affiliation (as admission factor): Special consideration in the admission process for members of designated racial/ethnic minority groups.
*Minority student center: Center with programs, activities, and/or services intended to enhance the college experience of students of color.

Model United Nations: A simulation activity focusing on conflict resolution, globalization, and diplomacy. Assuming roles as foreign ambassadors and "delegates," students conduct research, engage in debate, draft resolutions, and may participate in a national Model UN conference.

Nonresident alien: A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.

*On-campus day care: Licensed day care for students' children (usually age 3 and up); usually for a fee.
Open admission: Admission policy under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications.
Other expenses (costs): Include average costs for clothing, laundry, entertainment, medical (if not a required fee), and furnishings.
Out-of-state tuition: The tuition charged by institutions to those students who do not meet the institution's or state's residency requirements.
Part-time student (undergraduate): A student enrolled for fewer than 12 credits per semester or quarter, or fewer than 24 contact hours a week each term.
*Personal counseling: One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore personal, educational, or vocational issues.
Post-baccalaureate certificate: An award that requires completion of an organized program of study requiring 18 credit hours beyond the bachelor's; designed for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree but do not meet the requirements of academic degrees carrying the title of master.
Post-master's certificate: An award that requires completion of an organized program of study of 24 credit hours beyond the master's degree but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctoral level.
Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma: Includes the following three IPEDS definitions for postsecondary awards, certificates, and diplomas of varying durations and credit/contact hour requirements—
<i>Less Than 1 Academic Year: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in less than 1 academic year (2 semesters or 3 quarters) or in less than 900 contact hours by a student enrolled full-time.</i>
<i>At Least 1 But Less Than 2 Academic Years: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 1 but less than 2 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 30 but less than 60 credit hours, or in at least 900 but less than 1,800 contact hours.</i>
<i>At Least 2 But Less Than 4 Academic Years: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 2 but less than 4 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 60 but less than 120 credit hours, or in at least 1,800 but less than 3,600 contact hours.</i>
Private institution: An educational institution controlled by a private individual(s) or by a nongovernmental agency, usually supported primarily by other than public funds, and operated by other than publicly elected or appointed officials.
Private for-profit institution: A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives compensation, other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk.
Private nonprofit institution: A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives no compensation, other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk. These include both independent nonprofit schools and those affiliated with a religious organization.
Proprietary institution: See Private for-profit institution.
Public institution: An educational institution whose programs and activities are operated by publicly elected or appointed school officials, and which is supported primarily by public funds.
Quarter calendar system: A calendar system in which the academic year consists of three sessions called quarters of about 12 weeks each. The range may be from 10 to 15 weeks. There may be an additional quarter in the summer.
Race/ethnicity: Category used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. A person may be counted in only one group.
Race/ethnicity unknown: Category used to classify students or employees whose race/ethnicity is not known and whom institutions are unable to place in one of the specified racial/ethnic categories.
Religious affiliation/commitment (as admission factor): Special consideration given in the admission process for affiliation with a certain church or faith/religion, commitment to a religious vocation, or observance of certain religious tenets/lifestyle.

*Religious counseling: One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore religious problems or issues.
*Remedial services: Instructional courses designed for students deficient in the general competencies necessary for a regular postsecondary curriculum and educational setting.
Required fees: Fixed sum charged to students for items not covered by tuition and required of such a large proportion of all students that the student who does NOT pay is the exception. Do not include application fees or optional fees such as lab fees or parking fees.
Resident alien or other eligible non-citizen: A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who has been admitted as a legal immigrant for the purpose of obtaining permanent resident alien status (and who holds either an alien registration card [Form I-551 or I-151], a Temporary Resident Card [Form I-688], or an Arrival-Departure Record [Form I-94] with a notation that conveys legal immigrant status, such as Section 207 Refugee, Section 208 Asylee, Conditional Entrant Parolee or Cuban-Haitian).
Room and board (charges)—on campus: Assume double occupancy in institutional housing and 19 meals per week (or maximum meal plan).
Secondary school record (as admission factor): Information maintained by the secondary school that may include such things as the student's high school transcript, class rank, GPA, and teacher and counselor recommendations.
Semester calendar system: A calendar system that consists of two semesters during the academic year with about 16 weeks for each semester of instruction. There may be an additional summer session.
Student-designed major: A program of study based on individual interests, designed with the assistance of an adviser.
Study abroad: Any arrangement by which a student completes part of the college program studying in another country. Can be at a campus abroad or through a cooperative agreement with some other U.S. college or an institution of another country.
*Summer session: A summer session is shorter than a regular semester and not considered part of the academic year. It is not the third term of an institution operating on a trimester system or the fourth term of an institution operating on a quarter calendar system. The institution may have 2 or more sessions occurring in the summer months. Some schools, such as vocational and beauty schools, have year-round classes with no separate summer session.
Talent/ability (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students with demonstrated talent/abilities in areas of interest to the institution (e.g., sports, the arts, languages, etc.).
Teacher certification program: Program designed to prepare students to meet the requirements for certification as teachers in elementary, middle/junior high, and secondary schools.
Transfer applicant: An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has previously attended another college or university and earned college-level credit.
Transfer student: A student entering the institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level (e.g., undergraduate). The student may transfer with or without credit.
Transportation (costs): Assume two round trips to student's hometown per year for students in institutional housing or daily travel to and from your institution for commuter students.
Trimester calendar system: An academic year consisting of 3 terms of about 15 weeks each.
Tuition: Amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit.
*Tutoring: May range from one-on-one tutoring in specific subjects to tutoring in an area such as math, reading, or writing. Most tutors are college students; at some colleges, they are specially trained and certified.
Unit: a standard of measurement representing hours of academic instruction (e.g., semester credit, quarter credit, contact hour).
Undergraduate: A student enrolled in a four- or five-year bachelor's degree program, an associate degree program, or a vocational or technical program below the baccalaureate.
*Veteran's counseling: Helps veterans and their dependents obtain benefits for their selected program and provides certifications to the Veteran's Administration. May also provide personal counseling on the transition from the military to a civilian life.

*Visually impaired: Any person whose sight loss is not correctable and is sufficiently severe as to adversely affect educational performance.
Volunteer work (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students for activity done on a volunteer basis (e.g., tutoring, hospital care, working with the elderly or disabled) as a service to the community or the public in general.
Wait list: List of students who meet the admission requirements but will only be offered a place in the class if space becomes available.
Weekend college: A program that allows students to take a complete course of study and attend classes only on weekends.
White, non-Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East (except those of Hispanic origin).
*Women's center: Center with programs, academic activities, and/or services intended to promote an understanding of the evolving roles of women.
Work experience (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students who have been employed prior to application, whether for relevance to major, demonstration of employment-related skills, or as explanation of student's academic and extracurricular record.

Financial Aid Definitions

Awarded aid: The dollar amounts offered to financial aid applicants.
External scholarships and grants: Scholarships and grants received from outside (private) sources that students bring with them (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit scholarships). The institution may process paperwork to receive the dollars, but it has no role in determining the recipient or the dollar amount awarded.
Financial aid applicant: Any applicant who submits any one of the institutionally required financial aid applications/forms, such as the FAFSA.
Indebtedness: Aggregate dollar amount borrowed through any loan program (federal, state, subsidized, unsubsidized, private, etc.; excluding parent loans) while the student was enrolled at an institution. Student loans co-signed by a parent are assumed to be the responsibility of the student and should be included.
Institutional scholarships and grants: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants for which the institution determines the recipient.
Financial need: As determined by your institution using the federal methodology and/or your institution's own standards.
Need-based aid: College-funded or college-administered award from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify. This includes both institutional and noninstitutional student aid (grants, jobs, and loans).
Need-based scholarship or grant aid: Scholarships and grants from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify.
Need-based self-help aid: Loans and jobs from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must demonstrate financial need to qualify.
Non-need-based scholarship or grant aid: Scholarships and grants, gifts, or merit-based aid from institutional, state, federal, or other sources (including unrestricted funds or gifts and endowment income) awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement, merit, or any other non-need-based reason. When reporting questions H1 and H2, non-need-based aid that is used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid.
Note: Suggested order of precedence for counting non-need money as need-based:
Non-need institutional grants
Non-need tuition waivers
Non-need athletic awards
Non-need federal grants
Non-need state grants
Non-need outside grants
Non-need student loans
Non-need parent loans
Non-need work
Non-need-based self-help aid: Loans and jobs from institutional, state, or other sources for which a student need not demonstrate financial need to qualify.